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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Customer No. 026418

Applicant(s): Johannes Knoblich

Serial No.: 09/462,961

Group: 2872

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PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated November 29, 2001.

Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$ 110.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1529.

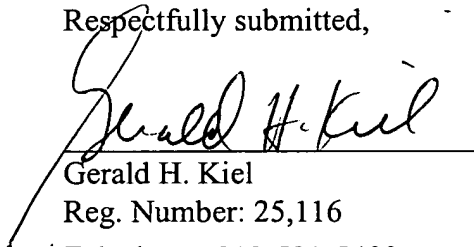
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